



LOS ANGELES COUNTY WIA YOUTH INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: COLLEGE CASH FOR FOSTER YOUTH

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TO: All Youth Service Providers

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all service providers of the California Chafee Grant which gives up to \$5,000 annually of free money to foster youth and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training.

To apply, a youth must be either enrolled in an eligible college or vocational school; a course of study at least half-time; or an eligible course of study that is at least one year long. A student must also keep grades up, and "maintain satisfactory academic progress."

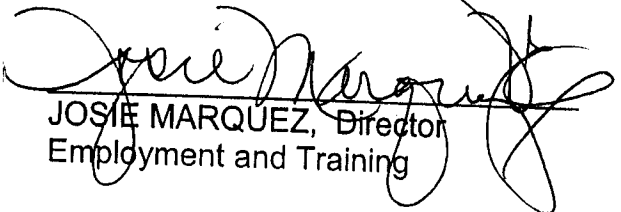
Eligible youth must have been in California foster care on their 16th birthday, and have not reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1, 2003. Youth must also file two forms:

- 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Send the paper form to the U.S. Department of Education (a self-addressed envelop is included with the FAFSA), or file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov; and
- California Chafee Grant Program Application. Send to the Commission. All information is available on the website at www.csac.ca.gov. Click on Commission Programs, then Chafee Grant Program.

NOTE: Please use only the 2003-2004 FAFSA for the current grant; do not use the 2004-05 FAFSA.

Receipt of this award may affect other financial aid, so be sure to check with your school's Financial Aid Office. The Chafee Grant may also be renewable for the 2004-05 academic year.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact the California Chafee Grant Commission at the above-referenced website, or you may call 1-888-224-7268, #3. You may also email the Commission at specialized@csac.ca.gov.


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